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| For: METHOD OF PURIFYING |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building
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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed July 31, 2007, in the nature of a restriction requirement and election of species requirement based on alleged lack of unity of invention under the applicable PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. Applicants reply below. Prior to any action on the merits, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.